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JULY 1, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
RON ZIEGLER
JERRY WARREN

FROM: COLONEL KENNEDY

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PERON
BELOW IS PROPOSED TEXT OF PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR RELEASE IN MOSCOW.
PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY CHANGES AND TIME OF RELEASE.
GERGEN'S OFFICE HAS CLEARED.

BEGIN TEXT: MRS. NIXON AND I ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE
SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE WIFE OF FORMER PRESIDENT PERON.
WE ARE SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE
REPUBLIC, JUAN DOMINGO PERON, WHO WAS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO HIS
COUNTRYMEN. AT A TIME WHEN OTHERS WOULD HAD BEEN CONTENT TO RETIRE
FROM PUBLIC LIFE HE ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE TO RETURN TO HIS COUNTRY
TO GUIDE AND ASSIST THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE. HE DEDICATED THE LAST
YEARS OF HIS LIFE TO THIS TASK.

END TEXT.

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